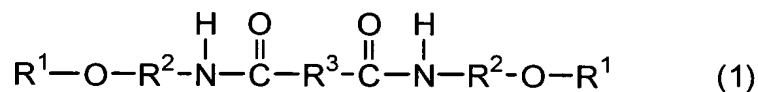


ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Hair cosmetic compositions contain (A) a film-forming polymer; and (B) a diamide compound represented by the following  
5 formula (1):



wherein R<sup>1</sup> represents a linear or branched C<sub>1-12</sub> hydrocarbon group which may be substituted by one or more hydroxyl groups and/or alkoxy groups, R<sup>2</sup> represents a linear or branched, divalent C<sub>1-5</sub>  
10 hydrocarbon group, and R<sup>3</sup> represents a linear or branched, divalent C<sub>1-22</sub> hydrocarbon group. The hair cosmetic compositions have for example excellent hair styling properties, may protect hair from physical and chemical stimulation to inhibit occurrence of split ends or broken hair and further, may impart a good feel  
15 to hair.